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SUBJ: WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION-55TH ECOSOC

REF: A) GENEVA 4105; B) 4124

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTELS INDICATING LACK OF SUPPORT FROM BRAZIL ON LEBANESE RESOLUTION VOTES, EMBASSY CONTACTED FONOFF UN DIVISION TO CLARIFY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOB POSITION AS REPORTED IN BRASILIA 4714. FONOFF OFFICIAL ASKED IF QUERY WAS IN REACTION TO GOB ABSTANTIONS AND LATER IN DAY INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT BRAZILIAN MISSION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST LEBANESE RESOLUTION ON BASIS OF GOB OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IN UN BODIES. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL ADDED THAT BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA HAD BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION TO VOTE OTHERWISE DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS OF A "POLITICAL CHARACTER" THAT AROSE DURING DEBATE. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE DEBATE BECAME ACRIMONIOUS AND LINEUP WAS BEING DETERMINED BY ARAB VERSUS ISRAELI ISSUE, AMBASSADOR HAD ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN ABSTAINING THROUGHOUT. EMBASSY OFFICER MENTIONED APPARENT INCONSISTENCY OF BRAZILIAN

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POSITION IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE AND NOTED THAT IN ADDITION

TO ABSTENTIONS BRAZIL HAD VOTED AGAINST US MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT (PARA 10, REF A).

2. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSION THAT BRAZILIAN
DELEGATION AT ECOSOC MEETING WAS OPERATING UNDER STANDING
FONOFF GUIDANCE TO AVOID ACTIONS THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS
ANTI-ARAB. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID BRAZIL'S POSITIONS ON THESE
ISSUES HAVE TO BE DETERMINED BY CONCERN FOR ITS VITAL INTERESTS
(E.E., HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON OIL IMPORTS) AND THAT GOX WANTS TO
STAY OUT OF LINE OF FIRE WHENEVER ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT ARISES.
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